Planning Commission has revealed huge time and cost overruns in power projects which are effecting the availability of resources for the new projects to be taken up during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of the review conducted by the Planning Commission;

(c) what remedial steps have been suggested by the Planning Commission to reduce the time and cost overruns in power projects; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission regularly monitors the execution of these projects and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The latest review of the power sector carried out by the Department of Programme Implementation has revealed time and cost overruns in the power projects.

(b) As on 1st January, 1995, the cost of 40 power projects (costing Rs. 20 crores and above each) monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation has gone up from the original cost of Rs. 18889.1 crore to Rs. 38847.3 crores.

(c) The remedial steps being taken to reduce time and cost overrun include; close monitoring, review meetings with project authorities and equipment suppliers to remove constraints, adoption of two stage clearance for thermal and hydel projects, introduction of incentives/disincentives for timely completion of work by contractors, and ensuring the availability of adequate funds.

(d) As on 1st January, 1995, out of 40 projects, 6 projects have been completed, 3 projects are likely to be completed by March, 1995 and 4 projects are unable to take off due to fund constraint or other problems. Of the remaining 27 projects, 10 projects are on schedule and 17 projects are behind schedule ranging from 1 to 152 months with respect to their latest approved date of commissioning.

Monitoring of annual plan by Planning Commission

984. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission monitors the annual plan expenditure of the States:

(b) if so, whether the States are graded according to their performances; and

(c) if so, the gradation of each State according to their performance during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) Annual Plan expenditure of the States is reviewed in the course of annual plan discussions in Planning Commission in Working Groups. The Working Groups review the financial as well as physical performance of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the States.

Planning Commission also reviews the progress of expenditure of a State in fourth quarter of the year for assessing availability of funds for implementation of Plan and expenditure incurred. Planning Commission does not grade States according to their performance. However, a statement of approved outlay/revised outlay and actual expenditure for 1992-93 and 1993-94 is enclosed. (*See below*). Figures of actual expenditure for 1994-95 are not yet available.

Statement

Revised Outlay and Actual Expenditure 1992-93 & 1993-94—*States*

(Rs. Crore)

Sl. No.	States	Annual Plan 1992-93		Annual Plan 1993-94	
		Revised Outlay	Actual Expndr.	Revised Outlay	Actual Expndr.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1675.00	2364.04	1851.00	2867.46
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	235.35	233.61	263.91	*
3.	Assam	700 00	655 44	872.00	862.19
4.	Bihar	1100.00	1149.18	750.00	*
5.	Goa	153.42	141 96	144.50	141.92
6.	Gujarat	1875.00	1939.75	1900.00	*
7.	Haryana	804.57	748.56	839.08	806.82
8.	Himachal Pradesh	490.50	490.98	562.82	570.73
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	623.00	620.00	684.00	*
10.	Karnataka	1915.00	1971.41	3025.00	3025.46
11.	Kerala	750.00	825.32	1019.77	1013.06
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1792.00	1992.03	2018.21	2235.88
13.	Maharashtra	3208.80	3372.80	3832.80	*
14.	Manipur	171.30	170.95	174.84	*
15.	Meghalaya	241.00	198.98	281.00	195.99
16.	Mizoram	165.18	165.17	181.90	174.31
17.	Nagaland	110.19	110.55	168.41	@
18.	Orissa	1055.00	1054.33	1095.19	*
19.	Punjab	856.50	885.30	1140.00	1142.68
20.	Rajasthan	1410.00	1406.67	1704.76	1743.32
21.	Sikkim	110.00	102.53	100.12	121.62
22.	Tamil Nadu	1766.75	1934.59	2102.21	2234.45
23.	Tripura	240.00	217.94	220.03	224.16
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3149.99	3457.61	2800.00	*
25.	West Bengal	703·50	881.59	1020.94	881.59

* : Working Group Discussions not yet held & hence information on actual expenditure not available.

@ : Actual Expenditure not reported by the State in the Annual Plan Document 1995-96.